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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 Budget

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 begins on October 1, 2007. Congress, however, has not yet sent any of the 12 FFY 2008 appropriations bills, which fund discretionary programs, to the President for his signature. The House has passed all 12 bills, but the Senate has not yet passed eight of the 12 appropriations bills. Moreover, the President has threatened to veto most of the appropriations bills because their overall funding levels exceed his budget requests. It, therefore, is certain that Congress will enact a Continuing Resolution, which will temporarily fund Federal programs and operations until mid-November. Given the veto threats and the slim Democratic majorities in both houses of Congress, it is possible that all of the work on FFY 2008 appropriations bills may not be finalized until December or even later.

Attached are tables comparing the Senate and House funding levels for programs of County interest. As seen in Attachment I on the FFY 2008 Commerce/Justice/Science (CJS) appropriations bill, both Senate and House versions rejected the President's budget proposals to eliminate many justice assistance programs aiding state and local governments, including the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) and Justice Assistance Grant. The House version would increase SCAAP funding from \$400 million in FFY 2007 to \$460 million while the Senate version would reduce SCAAP funding to \$370 million in FFY 2008.

As we advised your Board previously, the County's Washington, D.C. advocates are opposing language included in both versions, which would rescind \$82.5 million in unobligated balances for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) from prior fiscal years. Such language could enable OJP, which administers SCAAP, to rescind a portion of FFY 2007 SCAAP funds by delaying SCAAP payments to state and local governments. We also are working with our Congressional delegation to pursue the release of at least \$39 million in FFY 2006 SCAAP funds, which appears to have been rescinded, based on similar rescission language included in the FFY 2007 Continuing Resolution (CR). Before the CR was enacted, our delegation received assurances that a rescission would not be applied to yet to be obligated FFY 2006 SCAAP funds, but, to date, FFY 2006 SCAAP payments have totaled \$39 million less than the amount OJP has indicated were available for payments.

Attachment II is a table with funding levels of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs of County interest. As indicated in that table, both houses have rejected the President's budget proposal to cut Community Development Block Grant funding by one-fourth. As reported previously, both versions of the FFY 2008 Transportation/HUD appropriations bill include language to repeal the current statutory prohibition on the use of Federal funds to construct subway tunnels for the Los Angeles Metro Rail project in areas deemed to have a potential risk of containing methane gas. The Senate, but not the House, version also includes County-supported language that exempts the County from the Federal requirement to have a Section 8 or public housing resident on a Public Housing Authority's (PHA) governing body. The governing body of the County's Housing Authority currently is the Board of Supervisors. The Senate bill, instead, would require the County to establish an advisory board with at least six residents of public housing or Section 8 housing.

As seen in Attachment III, most programs of County interest would be funded at, or slightly above, their FFY 2007 funding levels in the House and Senate versions of the FFY 2008 Labor/Health and Human Services (HHS)/ Education appropriations bill. They also rejected the President's budget proposal to eliminate the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), and, instead, increase funding for CSBG. As reported previously, the County's Washington, D.C. advocates are opposing language included in the House bill, which would rescind \$335 million in unexpended balances from funds appropriated in FFY 2006 and prior years for Department of Labor training and employment services, which include Workforce Investment Act Adult Training, Youth Training, and Dislocated Worker services.

Attachment IV is a table with funding levels for programs of County interest in the Senate and House FFY 2008 Homeland Security appropriations bill. As seen in that table, both versions rejected the President's budget proposals to cut State Homeland

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Security Grant funding by more than half and to eliminate the State and Local Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program. Instead, the House bill increases funding by \$25 million for each program while the Senate bill maintains funding at the same level as in FFY 2007.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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Attachments

c: All Department Heads
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**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2008 FUNDING LEVELS
FOR PROGRAMS OF COUNTY INTEREST IN
COMMERCE/JUSTICE/SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS BILL
(in millions)**

PROGRAMS	Final 2007	President 2008	Senate 2008¹	House 2008²
Justice				
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program	\$ 400	\$ 0	\$370	\$460
Justice Assistance Grant ³	520	0	595	600
Drug Courts	10	0	25	40
COPS Methamphetamine Grants	63	0	80	85
COPS Technologies & Interoperable Communications ⁴	138	0	110	128
DNA Initiative	107	0	169	175
Juvenile Justice Formula Grant	74	0	68	96
Juvenile Accountability Block Grant	53	0	80	60
Southwest Border Prosecutor Program	30	0	30	40
Economic Development Assistance	251	170	250	270

Footnotes

¹ S. 1745, as reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee on June 29, 2007.

² H.R. 3093, as passed by the House on July 26, 2007.

³ The funding levels are for formula Justice Assistance Grants only.

⁴ The Senate committee report includes \$110 million for COPS "Law Enforcement Technology."

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2008 FUNDING LEVELS FOR
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) PROGRAMS
OF COUNTY INTEREST
(in millions)**

PROGRAMS	Enacted 2007	President 2008	House¹ 2008	Senate² 2008
Community Development Block Grant (Formula Grant)	\$ 3,711	\$ 2,775	\$ 3,929	\$ 3,708
Section 8 Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (Vouchers)	14,436	14,445	14,745	14,936
Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance (Contracts)	5,976	5,813	6,480	5,813
Section 8 Administrative Fees	1,281	1,351	1,351	1,351
Public Housing Operating Fund	3,864	4,000	4,200	4,200
Public Housing Capital Fund	2,439	2,024	2,439	2,500
Homeless Assistance Grants	1,442	1,586	1,561	1,586
HOME Investment Partnerships (Formula Grant)	1,680	1,917	1,701	1,677
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	286	300	300	300

Footnotes

¹ In H.R. 3074, the FFY 2008 Transportation/HUD Appropriations Bill, as passed by the House on July 24, 2007.

² In H.R. 3074, as passed by the Senate on September 12, 2007.

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2008 FUNDING LEVELS
FOR PROGRAMS OF COUNTY INTEREST IN
LABOR / HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES / EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL
(in millions)**

PROGRAMS	Enacted 2007	President 2008	House¹ 2008	Senate² 2008
Adult Training	\$864	\$712	\$864	\$864
Youth Training	940	840	940	940
Dislocated Workers	1,190	903	1,190	1,190
Title-V Older Americans Employment	484	350	531	484
Public Health Preparedness Grants	784	698	790	760
Hospital Preparedness Grants	484	408	451	439
Ryan White AIDS Emergency Assistance	604	604	636	604
Ryan White AIDS Total	2,138	2,158	2,237	2,170
Family Planning	283	283	311	300
Preventive Health Block Grant	99	0	109	99
Maternal and Child Health Grant	693	693	750	673
Substance Abuse Block Grant	1,759	1,759	1,794	1,759
Mental Health Block Grant	428	428	441	428
Social Services Block Grant	1,700	1,200	1,700	1,700
Community Services Block Grant	630	0	660	670
Child Welfare Services	287	287	287	287
Independent Living ³	200	200	200	200
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	345	345	345	345
Refugee Social Services	154	150	154	154
Refugee Targeted Assistance	49	48	49	49
OAA Family Caregivers ⁴	156	154	156	156
OAA Congregate Meals ⁴	399	383	412	419
OAA Home-Delivered Meals ⁴	188	181	194	198
OAA Nutrition Services Incentive ⁴	148	147	153	157
OAA Supportive Services ⁴	351	351	358	351

Footnotes

¹ H.R. 3403, as passed by the House on July 19, 2007.

² S. 1710, as reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee on June 27, 2007.

³ Includes \$46.157 million for Independent Living Training Voucher Grants.

⁴ "OAA" refers to the Older Americans Act.

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2008 FUNDING LEVELS
FOR PROGRAMS OF COUNTY INTEREST IN H.R. 2638
HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS BILL
(in millions)**

PROGRAMS	Enacted 2007	President 2008	House¹ 2008	Senate² 2008
State Homeland Security Grant	\$525	\$ 250	\$550	\$525
State and Local Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention	375	0	400	375
High-Threat Urban Area Grants	770	800	800	820
Interoperable Communications Grants ³	0	0	50	100
Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grants ⁴	0	0	50	100
Emergency Management Performance Grants	200	200	300	300
Firefighting Grants	547	300	570	560
SAFER ⁵	115	0	230	140
Urban Search and Rescue Teams	25	25	35	30

Footnotes

¹ H.R. 2638, as passed by the House on June 15, 2007.

² H.R. 2638, as passed by the Senate on July 26, 2007.

³ Represents a new grant to assist the State and local governments in meeting their interoperable communications needs.

⁴ Represents a new grant to support regional approaches to addressing catastrophic events.

⁵ SAFER refers to the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Program.